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Sir:

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X a patent application
___ a Continuation ___ a Divisional ___ a Continuation-in Part (CIP)of prior application no.: 60/443,820; filed January 29, 2003___ A Small Entity Statement(s) was filed in the prior application;
status still proper and desired.Inventor(s) or Application Identifier: Van Atta, et.al.Entitled: Methods and Compositions For Detecting Nucleic Acid Sequences

Enclosed are:

1. X Application Transmittal Letter and Fee Transmittal Form **(a duplicate is enclosed for fee processing).**
2. 51 pages of Specification (including 1 page of Abstract and 8 pages of 46 claims).
3. 1 sheet(s) of Formal/~~Informal~~ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113).
4. X ~~Oath or~~ Declaration and Power of Attorney.
 - a. X newly executed (original ~~or copy~~)(~~Oath~~/Declaration & Power of Attorney)
 - b. ___ copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) (for continuation/divisional) [Note Box 5 below]
 - c. ___ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) (Signed statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application)
5. ___ Incorporation By Reference (useable if Line 4b is checked).
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Line 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix).
7. ☐ Assignment papers (cover sheet(s) and document(s): _____)
8. ☒ Small Entity Statement(s): Applicant claims Small Entity Status (37CFR 1.27)
9. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, and _____ references cited.
10. ☐ Preliminary Amendment (Please enter all claim amendments prior to calculating the filing fee).
11. ☐ English Translation Document
12. ☐ Certified Copy of Application No. _____; filed _____.
13. ☒ Sequence Listing/Sequence Listing Diskette
 - a. ☒ computer readable copy
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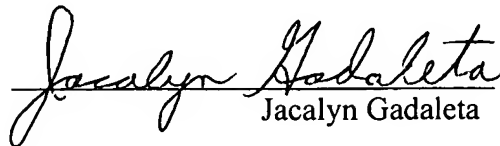
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